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HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH, BILASPUR

W.P. (S) No.4404/2007

PETITIONER — Badal Chandra Mandal, S/o Late Shri Moti Lal Mandal, Aged about 50 years, presently posted and working as Accounts Officer, Office of the Telecom District Manager, Raigarh, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, District Raigarh (C.G.)

Versus

RESPONDENTS

1. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Through Chief General Manager, Chhattisgarh Telecom Circle, Raipur (C.G.)
2. The Chief General Manager, (Disciplinary Authority), Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Chhattisgarh Telecom Circle, Raipur (C.G.)
3. The Enquiring Authority and CAO (TRF), Office of the Chhattisgarh Telecom Circle, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, Raipur (C.G.)

WRIT PETITION UNDER ARTICLE 226 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF INDIA

Appearance:

Shri B.D. Guru, Counsel for the petitioner.
Shri R.M. Solapurkar, Counsel for the respondents.

ORAL ORDER
(01.08.2007)

SUNIL KUMAR SINHA, J.

Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the departmental enquiry against the petitioner was initiated on 26.11.2005, but the same has not been concluded so far, due to which, the petitioner is being deprived from getting many service benefits. He submits that after 5/6/2006 there is no progress in the enquiry and the matter is standstill in the hands of the disciplinary authority. He makes a limited prayer that the disciplinary authority/enquiring authority may kindly be directed to dispose of the enquiry within the stipulated period granted by this Court.

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On being pointedly asked from Shri R.M. Solapurkar, who is appearing for the respondents, as to how much time they are going to take in conclusion of the enquiry, he very fairly submits that a time of 3 months would be reasonable and they will try to dispose of the enquiry within the said period.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties and after considering the facts and circumstances of this case, it is directed that the respondents shall try to dispose of the enquiry, pending against the petitioner, as early as possible preferably within a period of 3 months from today.

The petition stands disposed of.

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Sunil Kumar Sinha
Judge